

LOCAL MATTERS.

Those of our merchants who wish to advertise their Holiday Goods can have their cards published in the Gazette from now till Christmas on the most reasonable terms.

Weather Probabilities. December 13, 1880.—For the Middle Atlantic States stationary or higher barometer, falling, followed by stationary temperature, south to west winds, and partly cloudy weather with occasional rain or snow.

LETTER OF THANKS.—Mr. James S. Douglas, on behalf of the Union Presbyterian Church, has transmitted to Mr. Isaac E. Ober, President of the Hebrew Congregation of this city, the following letter of thanks for the generosity of the members of the Hebrew Church in tendering their Synagogue as a place of Christian Worship:

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8 1880.
Isaac E. Ober, esq., and others of the Hebrew Church, Alexandria, Va.:

Gentlemen: Having been selected by the Union Presbyterian Church of Alexandria to make a suitable acknowledgment of your kindness in giving them the use of your handsome Synagogue, I am at a loss to express the high admiration that is entertained for your graceful recognition of their wants and your noble liberality in providing for them.

We recognize in your act the highest type of manhood, in ruling superior to sectarian prejudice, exhibiting a lofty desire to assist in the improvement of your fellow man by the circulation of ideas and feelings that tend to make society better, purifying the social atmosphere by the establishment of higher grades of morality, and a willing obedience to the commands of our heavenly Father.

Accept our heartfelt thanks, with the assurance of our high appreciation of your disinterested liberality in the transfer of your earthly temple, which will have its reward when the good deeds of this life shall be measured as requisites for a blissful eternity in that celestial temple where the Great High Priest of the Universe in his glory presides.

Very respectfully, your obdt. servt.,
Jas. S. Douglas.

RIVER ITEMS.—Under the higher temperature of yesterday and to-day, (the thermometer this morning at seven o'clock registering 35 degrees above zero,) the ice blockade has given away, and navigation, which not entirely free from obstruction, even for the steamers, is not near so difficult as on Saturday.

The ferry steamers have been running all day, leaving here on regular hours.

The steamer George Lewis, which has been undergoing repairs at Baltimore for some time past, arrived here yesterday morning and will take her place on the Norfolk route this evening.

The steamer Lady of the Lake, of the Norfolk route, arrived this morning, and will sail this evening as usual.

The steamer John W. Thompson did not arrive from the lower Potomac, till this morning. She reports a good deal of ice in the river below the city.

The steamer Carolina, Capt. Peter Francis, sprung a leak at Stuart's wharf, yesterday, and her cargo of oysters had to be transferred to the steamer John W. Thompson.

The steamer Mattison did not attempt to go down the river this morning, and the steamer Mystic is still laid up. The T. V. Arrowsmith will make a trip to-morrow.

The schooner Alfred W. Fisk, under tow of the steam tug Potomac, and Wm. B. Bell, and the schooner Wm. K. Houston, under tow of the tug Kate and Comet, passed down the river this morning.

Nothing in the shape of sailing craft is arriving here, but it is thought that if the present pleasant weather continues, navigation will be open to everything in a few days.

DROWNED IN HUNTING CREEK.—A number of skaters were on Hunting Creek yesterday, and several persons broke through the ice, one of whom, a young man, named James Wright, about twenty-three years of age, was drowned. Wright and a number of friends about three o'clock yesterday afternoon were skating in the middle of the creek when he, who was a short distance behind the others, broke ice. He was seen to fall and go under by several of the party, who hastened to his rescue. One of them took off his overcoat and throwing one end of it to Wright, called to him to take hold of it and he would draw him out, but the unfortunate man who appeared to be unconscious paid no attention to the call, and immediately sank out of sight, drowning in about nine feet of water. A boat hook was procured, and in half an hour after the accident, the body was recovered. The remains were brought ashore, and taken in charge by Potomac Tent of Robabites, No. 89, of which he was a member. They were then removed to his late boarding house on Duke street, between Lee and Union, from whence the funeral took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is thought that in falling, he was stunned, and was in an unconscious condition when he went into the water, as when the body was examined a severe bruise was found on the side of his face. He was a ship carpenter by trade, and had been in the employ of the Alexandria Marine Railway and Ship Building Company about six months, coming here from Boston, where he has relatives. His parents, from whom he received a letter on Friday last, live in England.

YESTERDAY.—Yesterday according to the theory that rain on the first Sunday in the month means rain on the three succeeding Sundays, ought to have been a wet day; but it was not, at least the heavens did not commence to weep until after the night services of the several churches had commenced. The day was bright and pleasant, and the several ministers "broke the bread of life" to large congregations. Rev. J. W. Chickering, jr., of Washington, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church both in the morning and afternoon, and Rev. Dr. Bullock preached to large congregations both morning and night in the Hebrew Synagogue on Washington street. The pulpits of the other churches were filled by the resident clergy. In many of the churches collections were taken up for the Alexandria Infirmary. The usual gospel temperance meeting was held in the hall of the Alexandria Reform Club in the afternoon.

CORPORATION COURT.—Hon. A. W. Chilton, Judge, presiding—Saturday's proceedings.—An application on the body of Henry Boswell was returned to the court.

Julia Briggs, a fugitive, confined in the jail, was ordered to be delivered into the charge of William Briggs upon his giving bond for her proper care.

A license to keep a bar room was granted to Thomas Hall.

Cezovna et al. vs. Johnson's adm'r. et al.; in chancery; Commissioner Mosheeb this day filed his report with seven exhibits.

Fendall, guardian, vs. Fendall et al.; in chancery; this cause docketed by consent, and on motion of complainant leave is given to file amended bill at January term, 1880.

McGonigal vs. Lock et al.; in chancery; decree for partition.

Court adjourned till court in course.

THE GUTTERS.—Alexandria is fully up to the times. We are close on the heels of the great cities of the continent. Even Baltimore cannot surpass us in some things. We have no Battle Monument and no Elevator, and in sum, we have no smells as feebly as the Baltimore basin; but in the matter of gutters we are fully up to the Baltimore standard as witness the following from the Sun of that city of today:

"The state of the gutters at the present is singularly bad. We have had neither rain nor snow, and yet, after a cold spell of only three or four days' duration, more than one-half of the gutters in the city are spreading sheets of ice, and the alleys are impassable except to experts in sliding."

The Imperial of Frederick Ramey, who died at the Alexandria Infirmary, Saturday last, took place yesterday, and was attended by a number of the members of the Reform Club.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13 1880.

SENATE.
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